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AAAAH !!!

SIGN: SCIENCE STORAGE

THAT...

THAT'S NOT ME!

I...

I'M...!!

PURU (TREMBLE)

HUH?

IS SHE FAMOUS OR SOME-THING!?

PURU

FAMOUS? DUDE, NOT JUST FAMOUS ...!!

GYAAAAAAAAH!!

...AND HER GUILD, DANCING FLASH: ETERNAL RONDO, IS HUGE ON THE TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT! IT'S, LIKE, TOP THREE IN THE TEAM STANDINGS—

AT THE DEAD BULLET CHAMPIONSHIPS, SHE WAS THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN WHAT WE NOW CALL THE LEGEND OF THE DANCING FLASH...

B-BUT...!!

LOOK, JUST GET OUT OF HERE ALREADY !!!

YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG PERSON !!

DO

EEP ...!

THAT...

YOU KNOW IT! IT'S CALLED THE HOLY NIGHT-MARE ...!!

BUT THAT PLAY STYLE... THAT'S, LIKE, CLASSIC ENE-SAN IN ACTION!

DO

DO (BLAM)

PURU (TRMBL)

PURU

PURU

I MEAN IT... PLEASE...

WHOA!

WAH!

GYUI (SHOVE)

GYUI

THAT WASN'T ME, OKAY!!? PLEASE JUST GO!!!

YAAGH!! YOU GO AWAY TOO!!!

BAN (WHAM)

TAKANE!

ARE YOU OKAY...?

BATA (SCAMPER)

BATA

BATA

KUWA (RAWR)

JUST LEEEAVE !!!!!

ALL OF YOU!!!

RIGHT NOW!!

O...

OKAY, OKAY!!!!

DID...

DID HARUKA HEAR ALL OF THAT JUST NOW?

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GATAN (CLACK)

HUH?

HUH?

OH GOD, I'M SO EMBARRASSED ...!!

EVEN HARUKA'S GONNA SHUN ME NOW.

I SHOULD DELETE MY ACCOUNT AND JUST DIE...

HOLY NIGHTMARE

THAT HORRIBLE ACCOUNT NAME, AND MY STUPID FAUX-FANTASY GUILD TOO...?

LEGEND OF THE DANCING FLASH

ETERNAL RONDO

DANCING FLASH

ENOMOTO-SAN...

GOOD MORNING...

OH...

IF HE KNOWS ABOUT THE DUMB NAMES I MADE UP IN-GAME...

...AND THE DUMBER NICKNAMES PEOPLE GAVE TO MY MOVES...

HE'LL JUST POLITELY KEEP HIS DISTANCE FROM ME FROM NOW ON!

WHAT WILL I DO...?

TAKANE?

YOU ALL RIGHT?

WAAAAAH!!!

WHEN DID YOU COME IN...!!!?

HUH?

"WHEN" ...?

THAT'S NOT...!

PUI (WHIP)

NO!

.....!!

RIGHT AROUND THE PART WHERE YOU SAID YOU'D DELETE YOUR ACCOUNT AND DIE, BUT...

UGH, HE MUST BE SO SUS-PICIOUS NOW...!

SU (FWIP)

SO... YOU SEE, HARUKA...

MODORO (FIDGET)

JIDORO (SQUIRM)

YOU NEED ONE TO CHAT WITH FRIENDS, AND...

I MEAN, YOU KNOW WHAT ACCOUNTS ARE, RIGHT?

NO, I MEAN...

WHAT AM I DOING?

HARUKA DIDN'T EVEN HEAR ANYTHING! WHY AM I BABBLING TO HIM...!?

THAT WAS GREAT!!!

TAKANE!!

THEY TOLD ME THEY HAD LOTS OF FUN!!

WHEW!

KIRA

KIRA (TWINKLE)

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KIRA

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...BUT THEY WERE SUPER POLITE TO ME ON THE WAY OUT!

I THOUGHT THOSE GUYS WERE REALLY SCARY AT FIRST...

!?

I GUESS IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS, HUH?

THEY RESPECT YOUR SKILLS NOW THAT THEY'VE SEEN YOU PLAY!!

UH...

THEY WERE THAT NICE TO YOU, HUH?

GUESS I TAUGHT 'EM NOT TO MESS WITH OUR SCHOOL!

YOU SAID IT!

I WAS REALLY ANX-IOUS ABOUT HOW THIS WOULD WORK OUT, BUT THIS IS A LOT OF FUN! THANKS, TAKANE!

OHH...?

WHEW!

HE HASN'T SAID A THING ABOUT ME...

HE DIDN'T HEAR A THING AFTER ALL...!

SO, IN THE END...

WELL...

I MEAN, YEAH!

THIS MUCH IS A CINCH FOR ME!

SO UNLESS THE NUMBER-ONE PLAYER IN THE COUNTRY SHOWS UP, I'M NEVER GONNA LOSE.

AND EVEN AGAINST A SEASONED PRO LIKE THAT, I WON HANDILY...

WE MANAGED TO ENTERTAIN OUR FIRST VISITORS WELL ENOUGH.

I SURE AM IMPRESSED, THOUGH...!!

WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START...!!

AND THAT NAME'S REALLY COOL TOO!

"DANCING FLASH ENE"!

GAAAAH!!!

BUUUUU (SPURRRT)

NIKO (GRIN)

I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU SHOW OFF SOME OF THOSE "HOLY NIGHTMARE" MOVES SOMETIME!

H-HOW DID YOU HEAR...!?

THAT ...!!?

OH, THOSE GUYS TOLD ME.

THE ONE DUDE WAS REALLY EXCITED ABOUT YOU, TAKANE!

KOFF KAFF

WHOA, WHAT JUST HAPPENED, TAKANE!!?

ARE YOU OKAY!?

SASU (RUB) さす

SASU さす

WHY'RE YOU ACTING ALL UPSET?

I MEAN, THAT'S AWE-SOME!

YOU'RE A CELEB-RITY! AND ALL THOSE FANS TOO!

I'M GLAD I GOT TO HEAR ALL ABOUT IT!

AHH ...

AHHHH ...

HM?

HEY!

GUSA (STAB)

BIG SHOT

IT'S LIKE I'M IN THE SAME CLASS WITH A HUGE BIG SHOT!

MMM...

LOOK, TAKANE, I DON'T GET WHAT'S GOT YOU SO WORRIED...

SOMEONE WAY OUT THERE COMPARED TO YOU...

TO ANY NORMAL GIRL...

HEH HEH HEH...

HA... HA HA...

YEAH, A BIG SHOT...

...BUT I'M NOT GONNA START HATING YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE DIFFERENT, YOU KNOW?

SO YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL DOWN ABOUT IT, ALL RIGHT?

HARUKA IS...

THAT, OR HE'S TOO STUPID TO FAKE IT.

I WANNA PLAY WITH YOU!

OH, BY THE WAY!

CAN YOU TEACH ME A LITTLE SOME-TIME?

HOW DO I PUT IT...?

THERE'S NOTHING... UNDER-HANDED ABOUT HIM AT ALL...

?

TAKANE...?

!!

BUT HEARING HIM SAY THAT THINGS WON'T CHANGE...

WHY'S IT FEEL SO DAMN REASSUR-ING?

FURU (TRMBL)

?

UMM ...!

FURU

OH!

HELLOOO?

I'D LIKE TO HAVE A MATCH?

TA (DASH)

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WATA WATA (FLUSTERED)

YES! RIGHT AWAY!

OH... OHH...

HEY.

SO (PEEK)

THERE'S SOME-THING OFF ABOUT HIM...

...BUT HE'S ALWAYS SO GENEROUS TO ME...

KOSHI (RUB)

PATAN (SHUT)

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ARE YOU ALL SET, TAKANE?

LOOKS LIKE THIS KID WANTS TO PLAY YOU...

...SO KNOCK YOURSELF OUT, OKAY?

OH!

YOU THE CHAMP AROUND HERE?

OH, UH, YES!

YOU TOO! DEFINITELY!

NICE TO MEET YOU!

PEKO (BOW)

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THIS LOOKS TOTALLY AWE-SOME!!

WHOA!

HERE, COME ON IN, AND I'LL EXPLAIN THE RULES TO YOU!

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KOKU (NOD)

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PATAN (SHUT)

SU (FWIP)

OKAY, UH...

WE'LL BE DONE IN A SEC!

EASY, RIGHT?

NIKOOO (GRINNN)

WHOEVER BEATS MORE ENEMIES AND SCORES THE MOST POINTS IS THE WINNER!

WE'RE GONNA PLAY ONE ANOTHER IN THE GAME SET UP OVER THERE.

UH, SO YEAH, HERE ARE THE RULES!

WHOA, THAT LOOKS LIKE FUN!

I GUESS OUR LITTLE FRIEND ISN'T HERE, BUT...

...WHAT DO YOU THINK, KIDO? WANNA TRY IT OUT?

OH, IT'S REALLY FUN, BELIEVE ME!

...WAIT... "KIDO"?

AH...

WAAGH !!!

...SURE.

THIS GIRL WASN'T IN HERE A SECOND AGO...!!

NO WAY...!

UH...

OW!!

SHE DOESN'T PROJECT MUCH OF A PRESENCE, SO A LOTTA TIMES, PEOPLE DON'T EVEN NOTICE HER—

DON (WHUD)

YOU ALL RIGHT?

SHE'S BEEN HERE THE WHOLE TIME.

WH-WH-WHERE-WHERE DID YOU...?

EEK...!!

...WOULD YOU MIND IF WE GOT STARTED?

OH SURE, SURE!

JUST HAVE A SEAT HERE...!

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BEING A WALLFLOWER IS ONE THING, BUT THAT WAS JUST WEIRD...

IS SHE SOME KIND OF GHOST, OR...?

SCARY EYES, BUT...

SHE'S PRETTY ...

S-SO, UH...

WHAT DIFFICULTY LEVEL WOULD YOU LIKE...?

GATAN (CLATTER)

CHIRA (GLANCE)

PFF HEH HEH HEH HEH...

THAT CAME OUT WEIRD...

SORRY!

OKAAAY.... RIGHT! TIME TO GET STARRRTED!

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NORMAL.

S-SURE THING!

YES! VERY GOOD!!

LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH...

P1 (DING)

NORMAL

FOR THE TIME BEING...

P1

...I JUST NEED TO FOCUS ON THE GAME.

START

P1

BARARARARARARA
(RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT)

ACK!

SHE'S JUST A NORMAL GIRL, ISN'T SHE?

HER, A GHOST? I AM SO STUPID.

GEEZ...

GU (GLARE)

I'M TAKING IT EASY SO I CAN KEEP THE SCORE CLOSE, BUT WE ONLY HAVE THIRTY SECONDS LEFT...

NOW I CAN JUST.....

BA

BA (BLAM)

BA

BA

BA

BA

WHAT THE...!?

FU (VANISH)

THEY VANISHED ...!!?

BUT THIS GIRL...

SHE CAN SEE THEM JUST FINE...!?

BARARARARARARA (RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT)

IT MUST BE A BUG...

IN THAT CASE...

...I'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP FIRING ...!!!

OH NO...

BIIIII (BZZT)

DOOOO

36800 WIN

36700 LOSE

AND BY ONLY A HUNDRED POINTS TOO...

HFF HFF

HFF

I... I JUST BARELY WON...?

HUH ...?

YOU SHOULDN'T'VE CHEATED LIKE THAT THOUGH, MAN.

YOU PROBABLY OWE HER AN APOL-OGY.

GEEZ, THAT WAS TOO CLOSE...

GAKU (SLUMP)

HA HA HA HA!

ALMOST HAD THAT ONE, HUH, KIDO?

...SORRY.

SUTA (TMP)

SUTA

SUTA

WAIT... CHEAT-ING...?

SU (SSK)

AH!

THIS MIGHT BE, LIKE, KIND OF HARD TO BELIEVE...

...BUT SHE WAS ACTUALLY USING HER PSYCHIC POWERS THERE.

I THINK THAT WAS JUST A BUG. SHE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.

AW, SORRY TO CONFUSE YOU.

WHO...

WHO WERE THOSE GUYS ...?

IT'S BACK TO NORMAL NOW, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT HAPPENING AGAIN.

YOU CAN CHECK IT OUT YOURSELF IF YOU WANT, BUT I'M SURE THE COMPUTER'S FINE.

SHE SPOOKED HARUKA TOO, I GUESS...

DWAAAAH

UH...

SU (SHP)

—SHE WAS HERE.

I TOTALLY DIDN'T NOTICE HER AT ALL...

WAS THAT GIRL WITH HIM FROM THE START!?

T-TAKANE!

BATA

BATA

BATA (SCAMPER)

36800 WIN

36700 LOSE

JUST LOOK...

GAYA (CHATTER)

GAYA

GAYA

GAYA

HOT DOGS

LOOK, YOU...

MOGU

MOGU

WHUH?

WHEN'D YOU GO BUY ALL THAT STUFF!?

I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA LOOK AROUND TOGETH-ER!

MMH?

MOGU (CHOMP)

MOGU

YOU WANT SOME, TAKANE? I BOUGHT A WHOLE BUNCH!

AHHH!

SORRY ABOUT THAT! GOTTA MAKE THE MOST OF OUR BREAK, RIGHT?

UH... THANKS.

WHAT DO I OWE YOU?

GOKKUN (GULP)

WOW...

HE CAN BE REALLY NICE SOMETIMES, HUH?

10,000? THAT MUCH!?

...GROW-ING KIDS, SO...

YOU'RE BOTH...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

SENSEI GAVE ME 10,000 YEN THIS MORNING FOR OUR LUNCH BUDGET!

I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU...

HE ORDERED IN SUSHI FOR US WHILE I WAS OVER AT HIS PLACE TOO.

WELL, HE KINDA HIT THE JACKPOT IN PACHINKO, SO...

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DOSSARI (SPRAWL)

HUUUH?

BUT IT ALL LOOKS SO YUMMY...

YOU CAN SURE PACK IT AWAY, CAN'T YOU...!?

I DON'T PACK A BIG LUNCH, BUT THIS IS ABOUT WHAT I USUALLY EAT AT HOME.

NEVER... GAIN WEIGHT...

AREN'T YOU GONNA EAT SOME, TAKANE?

IRA (GRR)

NAH.

I PRETTY MUCH NEVER GAIN WEIGHT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I EAT.

URP!

YOU'RE GONNA GET SO FAT!!

もぐもぐ MOGU (MUNCH) MOGU

I'M EATING, I'M EATING...!

UUUGH...

WHAT, YOU THINK I DON'T WANT TO EAT ALL THIS TASTY, HIGH-CALORIE STUFF!?

I WISH I COULD GO WITHOUT A MEAL OR TWO AND NOT FEEL SO HUNGRY ALL THE TIME...

THAT...

...AND I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO SLEEP EITHER.

AW, REALLY?

BOSO CHLITTERD

...WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HAPPY, ANYWAY...

MM? WHAT WAS THAT?

NOTH-ING...

ME, I REALLY LIKE TO EAT. AND SLEEP TOO.

THAT'D BE KIND OF BORING, DON'T YOU THINK?

AH!

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ZA
ZA
ZA (TROMP)
WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?
BAN (BOOM)
DON (DOOM)
.....
IS THAT SOME KIND OF NEW TREND?
LIKE, "MILITARY FASHION" OR SOME-THING?
YEAH...
THEY LOOK PRETTY INTIMIDAT-ING...
HOPE THEY DON'T SHOW UP AT OUR DOOR.
...THIS IS GONNA TURN OUT BAD...
I HAVE A FEELING...

KAGEROU
DAZE